Development Corporation has been established for the parent organisation of mentally handicapped persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the extent of the Corpus Fund and the modus operandi thereof;

(c) the concessional rate of interest leviable on the loans granted for rehabilitation of such persons;

(d) whether any national policy has been evolved for rehabilitation of such persons and assuring a life with human dignity for them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) There is no proposal to establish National Finance and Development Corporation for the parent organisation of mentally handicapped persons. However, the action for operationalising the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation to promote economic developmental activities and self-employment for the benefit/economic rehabilitation of the handicapped persons is in progress. The proposal to set up a National Trust for the Welfare of persons with mental retardation and cerebral palsy is under process.

(b) A provision of Rs. 1.25 crores has been made for the year 1996-97 for the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Mental Retardation and Cerebral Palsy.

(c) Question does arise.

(d) and (e) So far paras (d) and (e) of the above question is concerned. National policy on disability rehabilitation is under preparation.

Incentives to SSIs

1070. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a package of incentives for the small sector in the country, particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Government will introduce a suitable package of incentives for the country after getting the report of Expert Committee on Small Enterprises.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Eighth Plan outlay for Environmental measures and subsidence control in mining

1071. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a provision of Rs. 75 crores was made as 8th Plan outlay for environmental measures and subsidence control in old and abandoned mining areas in Raniganj Coal Field and for controlling underground fires in Jharia Coal field;

(b) if so, the budgetary provision made each year against above outlay; and

(c) details of the action plan drawn up for restoration and control of subsidence as emphasized in 8th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SMT. KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The budgetary provision made each year against the Eighth Plan outlay under 'Environmental measures and subsidence control' has been as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Budget Estimates
1992-93	5.00
1993-94	5.00
1994-95	5.00
1995-96	5.52
1996-97	26.10

(c) With the objective of finding a long-term solution to the problem of Jharia Coal field fires, a diagnostic study under the Jharia Mine Fire Control Technical Assistance Project, assisted by World Bank has been completed.

An Apex Monitoring Committee constituted to examine unstable localities of Raniganj Coalfield had opined that 38 localities required stabilisation.